

April 2005 is Wisconsin Alcohol Awareness and Physician Alcohol Screening Month

April 7, 2005 is National Alcohol Screening Day, and April 2005 is National Alcohol Awareness Month. Wisconsin is joining the national grassroots campaign to emphasize that alcohol use disorders are treatable and preventable. Governor Jim Doyle's Proclamation designating April 2005 as Wisconsin Alcohol Awareness/Physician Alcohol Screening Month will be unveiled at the University of Wisconsin's Department of Family Medicine in the Wisconsin Room on April 7, 2005 from 10:30 to noon. "I encourage all physicians and their public health partners in the State of Wisconsin to incorporate alcohol-screening procedures in all patient contacts," Secretary Helene Nelson says. Secretary Nelson believes that by doing so, physicians and public health partners can help to:

1. Increase awareness of alcohol and other substance use disorders as public health concerns that are treatable like other general medical health problems.
2. Ensure that all patients seen are screened for potential alcohol and other substance use disorders as part of their initial and periodic health status evaluations.
3. Provide support to allied health professionals in their efforts to screen for alcohol and other substance use disorders with patients seen under their care.
4. Provide referral to appropriate treatment when it is determined that an alcohol use or other substance use disorder is present.

Wisconsin Communities Listed with the National Registry of Alcohol Screening Sites Number of Registered Screening Sites

Appleton	3 sites
Eau Claire	2 sites
Green Bay	1 site
Hartland	1 site
Kenosha	1 site
LaCrosse	1 site
Madison	2 sites
Manitowoc	1 site
Marshfield	1 site
Merrill	1 site
Milwaukee	1 site
Pewaukee	1 site
Phillips	1 site
Racine	1 site
Waukesha	3 sites
Woodruff	<u>1 site</u>
Total # Registered Sites	22 Sites

National Web Addresses

1. National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) web site,
<http://www.ncadd.org/programs/awareness/index.html>
2. National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD) web site,
<http://www.nationalalcoholscreeningday.org/events/nasd/index.htm>